

Preface for DIRAMS Version 5

Version 5 Overview

Version 5 (DIRAMS) reflects numerous changes made to the previous Metrics (AMS) versions. For example, the words "For Official Use Only" were added to all Metrics (or AMS or DIRAMS) screens/reports. Other changes included such aspects as function removal, function addition, name changes and functional modifications. Specifically, the following functions were specifically affected by Version 5 requirements:

- CAGE Information Admin. (Administration function – new for Version 5)
- Contingency CAS (removed for Version 5)
- Contract Information Admin. (Administration function – new for Version 5)
- Contractor Performance Measurement (renamed Earned Value Management Systems)
- Contractor Performance Measurement Admin. (renamed Earned Value Management Systems Admin. and moved from an Administration option to a Functions menu bar option)
- Early CAS
- Estimating System
- Flight Safety Metrics (renamed MSTTA Flight Operations)
- Flight Safety Mishaps (removed for Version 5)
- Flight Safety Risk Assessment (renamed PBAM Flight Operations)
- FPRA/FPRR
- Overhead Negotiations
- Packaging
- Postcard Trailers
- Postcard Trailers Admin (moved from an Administration option to a Functions menu bar option)
- PreAward Surveys – Formal
- PreAward Surveys – Informal
- Pricing and Negotiation
- Program Integration
- Property
- Return on Investment – International
- Return on Investment – Metric
- Right Item (renamed Laboratory Testing)
- Right Item Admin (renamed Laboratory Testing Admin. and moved from an Administration option to a Functions menu bar option)
- Specialized Safety – A & E Risk Assessment

- Specialized Safety – Aircraft Carriers Risk Assessment
- Specialized Safety – Industrial Contractors Risk Assessment
- Specialized Safety – Into Plane Risk Assessment
- Specialized Safety – Mishaps
- Specialized Safety – Annual Operating Plan
- Survey – (new for Version 5)
- Survey Admin. (new for Version 5)
- Users Admin (Administration function, modified to reflect name changes, function additions and function removals)

Note: The terms Metrics, AMS (Automated Metrics System and DIRAMS (DCMC Information Repository Automated Metrics System) are used interchangeably in this document.

Some Version 5 functionality additions affected multiple Metrics functions (e.g., new Team Code functionality was added to Early CAS, Earned Value Management Systems, Estimating System, Packaging, Postcard Trailers, Program Integration, Return on Investment – Metric and Return on Investment – International). Such changes are referred to as "global functions" and are discussed in detail in Chapter 10 – *DIRAMS Version 5 Global Changes*.

Note: Global changes are mentioned only briefly in the actual Metrics functions chapters. You should refer to Chapter 10 – *DIRAMS Version 5 Global Changes* for more information.

Tab Key/Enter Key Disclaimer

Due to the way the development software processes the **ENTER** key event on certain field types, it is highly recommended that you use the **TAB** key instead of the **ENTER** key when trying to "tab" off of these field types. These field types are as follows:

- Combo boxes
- Radio buttons
- Check boxes
- Edit boxes

For example, using the **ENTER** key may cause a radio button to be selected, while the "tab event" may not occur. As a result, it is highly recommended that you use the **TAB** key to tab off of a radio button or check box and the **space bar** to select these buttons and boxes when they have the focus.

Some of the objects listed above (based on unknown factors) occasionally work correctly for the **ENTER** key, but there is not any consistency to why some work and some do not. It is best just not to rely on the **ENTER** key to perform a tab function on these specific objects.